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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUANDA 0119

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, AO

SUBJECT: THE BATTLE TO COME TO NORTHERN ANGOLA

1. ACCORDING DGS SOURCES IN CARMONA, AND CONFIRMED BY MILITARY HIGH COMMAND IN LUANDA, FIRST UNITS OF NEWLY RAISED FNLA FORCES TO COMPLETE TRAINING ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN INFILTRATING ANGOLA IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL.

2. PORTUGUESE HAVE LOW OPINION OF NEW LEVIES. THEY INSIST THAT NEW UNITS WERE RAISED ONLY BY FORCE, THAT NEW TROOPS WANT NO PART OF WAR, THAT MANY HAVE ALREADY DESERTED AND THAT MOST WILL FLEE OR DEFECT TO PORTUGUESE FORCES ONCE THEY CROSS FRONTIER.

3. HEAD OF DGS IN UIGE DISTRICT, WHOSE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY ENCOMPASSES MUCH OF FNLA OPERATING ZONE IN DEMBOS, VERY CONFIDENTLY ASSERTS THAT HE KNOWS, THROUGH HIS NET OF INFORMERS AND TURNED-AROUND AGENTS, WHERE EVERY FNLA GROUP IN UIGE IS NOW LOCATED. HE CLAIMS HE IS NOT PRESENTLY GOING AFTER THEM WITH HIS FLECHAS BUT IS WAITING UNTIL NEW FNLA UNITS JOIN THEM IN ORDER

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TO CATCH AS MANY AS POSSIBLE IN WELL-LAID TRAPS. HE INSISTS THAT

WITH 400 FLECHAS (HE NOW HAS 150), HE COULD END WAR IN UIGE IN
6 MONTHS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED PLANS TO LOCATE TWO MORE FLECHA
BASES IN UIGE, AT SONGO AND QUITEXE, BUT COULD GIVE NO TIMEFRAME
FOR THEIR OPERATIONAL READINESS.
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